

## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Lavonna Martin is the Deputy Director of Contra Costa Health Services Homeless Program. She is responsible for managing the administrative systems and operations of the department as well as the fund development activities.

Ms. Martin has worked in both non-profit and government agencies managing programs that serve the homeless community. In 2001, she developed Contra Costa's first continuum of services for runaway and homeless youth and continues to develop and administer innovative housing and service programs for homeless youth, families, and adults in the County.

She is a graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and holds a Master of Public Health from San Jose State University and a Master of Public Administration from San Francisco State University. Lavonna also serves as a federal grant reviewer for Region IX, Department of Health and Human Services Runaway and Homeless Youth programs and serves on the Designated Local Board of the Emergency Food and Shelter Program that administers federal FEMA funding.